

Miscellaneous Items.

about half million pounds of tobacco were sold, and about one million pounds delivered in the Kentucky market.

THE mining companies of California and Nevada paid dividends last year of \$2,133,450, being a decrease of \$1,000,000, from 1898 and of 2,000,000 from 1897.

THE Duke of Edinburgh officiated as director of the orchestra at an amateur dramatic performance given at Hong Kong, by the officers of the British frigate *Galatea*.

THE University of the Pacific, at Santa Clara, California, is teaching male and female pupils in the same classes. The plan works well.

An English bishop querulously remarked to his servant that he was dying. "Well, my Lord," said the good fellow, "you are going to a better place." "John," replied the prelate, with an air of conviction, "there's no place like old England!"

3,500 pounds and the largest over 4,000 pounds, are on the way to New York. They are said to be the largest animals of the kind ever raised. After they are killed, their hides will be stuffed and placed in Central Park.

A stupendous project has been branched in Milwaukee, designed to secure for that city the

It is neither more nor less than to construct a railroad tunnel under lake Michigan, and thus obtain a shorter route to the East than any now in existence. The distance is 86 miles, the depth of the water less than 450 feet, and the total cost of the work is estimated at \$100,000,000.

Harmony, Indiana, boasts that she has broken twenty-seven engagements of marriage in five years. She has the rings that once attested to these engagements hung up in her "head quarters," and to these she points as does the red man to his string of scalps.

THE HARVARD crew has accepted a challenge to race with the middies of the naval school at Annapolis next Summer. This will be the greatest aquatic con-

A WHOLE-IRON chimney, one hundred and ninety-six feet high and six feet seven inches in diameter, has just been erected in Pittsburg. Another is to be put up, two hundred and seventy-five feet high. The first was riveted together in a horizontal position.

The other will be made upright. The plates will be riveted by means of a scaffolding running up inside.

NEW WHALING FIRM.—Messrs. Henry P. Haven, Richard H. Chapell, Charles A. Williams, and Thomas W. Haven, of New London, have entered into a copartnership under the name of Williams, Haven, & Co., and will assume the agency of whaling vessels lately managed by Williams & Haven and R. H.

THERE is an extraordinary depression in the iron-foundry business of San Francisco. The Bulletin says: "Not half as many skilled laborers are employed as was the case a year ago, while wages have dropped some twenty per cent. from their former level."

A ROOR young widow in Berlin, on returning to her house after an hour's absence, recently, found this note lying on her table:

"Madam: I came here with the intention of rob-

When you saw signs of class consciousness and peaceable little room, decorated with religious pictures and adorned with pious souvenirs, and above all, your two little children, which were quietly sleeping in their little beds and smiling in their dreams, have touched my heart; and instead of depriving you of the little money I found in your drawer, I take the liberty of leaving here \$50, hoping that you will accept of them as tribute of my

A NOVEL dinner is thus announced in a California paper: "A committee of twelve men have been chosen to decide a dispute between Mr. Sargent and Messrs. Crooks and Reynolds, about the superior virtues of sheep or goat meat. These gentlemen live near Gilroy and San Juan, South, and have selected the Pajaro bridge as the spot for testing the matter. Two sheep and two goats are to be killed and cooked and duly served up at dinner, and then

As excitement was created in Portland, Connecticut, last week, by an attempt on the part of the owners of the Brainerd and Middletown quarries to cut down a road so as to isolate the old burying ground. The selectmen forbade them to proceed with the work, but without avail. The selectmen then had all engaged arrested and taken before Jus-

the locality, the Commission, who arrived with guns for obstructing and injuring highways, fined them, and ordered them to cart back the dirt and fill up the road, and leave it in as good condition as they found it. The fines and costs were paid, and the road is in its old condition.

DETAILED tidings from Rome fail to throw any additional light upon the point lately raised by the French and German Bishops as to the matter being

reckoned in proportion to the extent of the various dioceses. We have, however, some details of the grounds upon which the demand was made. The diocese of Breslau, whose Bishop had not been placed on a single commission, includes 1,700,000 Roman Catholics, while the 700,600 inhabitants of the remaining State of the Church are represented by sixty-two Bishops, whose names are to be found on all the commissions. The Archbishop of Cologne

1,300,000; Paris, 2,000,000; and yet four of the 103 Neapolitan and Sicilian Bishops at the Council are sufficient to outvote them, and the five millions of French and German Catholics at their back. Under this system it is complained that one Italian has more weight than twenty Germans.

fairly Monday morning. He was born at New Town, L. I., in 1801, and had time almost reached the age of threescore and ten. When he was just coming to manhood, his elder brothers, James and John, had fairly established themselves as printers and prospective publishers. Wesley, as everybody then and thereafter called him, joined his brothers at first as an employee, and soon after as partner. He first undertook the share of the composing room, as faces

Wesley and proofreader. Not long after, the business grew to larger dimensions, and the brothers divided amongst themselves the work to be done. To Wesley was assigned the work of literary consideration and correspondence. He became in a brief time one of the best correspondents known.

Wesley Harper really loved the work which he undertook. He made it a part of his life, but by no means the whole of it. What with children, kind-

and no man lovably lived at home. Yet he keenly enjoyed his daily routine of business. He liked to keep up his knowledge of the practical work of printing. He would seize a brief space to run up into the composing room and read over the pages as they lay upon the reader's desk. In this way he became exceedingly well read in everything which relates to the current literature of the day.

turned for two or three years before his death. He gradually made over the charge of his department in the business to his eldest son and namesake. Not quite a year ago his older brother, James Harper, died in consequence of an accident. Wesley, then in feeble health, never fairly recovered from this blow, which dissolved the fair brotherhood which had lasted so long. For a while, indeed, he was seen now and then at "the office," with his old genial

The few hours grew to weeks, during which he lay on his death bed. Besides his own immediate family, he was earnestly anxious to see those whom he had known by business for a long course of years. Men of these men and women came to his bedside.

These last weeks—Kazin and his wife fully aware that this meeting would be the last on earth, and yet to none was the parting sorrowful. They knew that he was ready for the supreme event. One fact indeed rested upon the minds of all. Such was the strong vitality of the man; that it seemed probable that life would be resigned only after sharp agony. This apprehension was not realized. Just as day had fairly broken, on the morning of Monday, Feb.

His life was gentle, and could have no more fitting close. He passed from earth in the sure hope of a glorious resurrection. Living, he had no enemy. Dead, there is no one who can charge him with a wrong.
